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OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT YORK MASONS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

A. L. 5831.



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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Saturday Evening, December 3rd, A. I. 5831.

At an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, begun and held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh:

WERE PRESENT,

M. W. R. D. SPAIGHT, G. M.
M. W. S. F. PATTERSON, D. G. M.
R. W. DANIEL COLEMAN, S. G. W. P. T.
R. W. R. HAYWOOD, J. G. W.
R. W. A. J. LAWRENCE, G. T. P. T.
R. W. J. C. STEDMAN, G. S.
D. LINDEMAN, D. G. S.
WM. B. DUNN, S. G. D. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, J. G. D. P. T.
J. ARRINGTON, G. M.
WM. WRIGHT, G. S. B.
JOHN MARTIN, G. P.
J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.
R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

St. Johns, No. 1, Brother Daniel Sherwood.
Royal White Heart, No. 2, Bro. E. B. Freeman.
Phalanx, No. 31, Bro. P. Caldwell.
Stokes, No. 32, Bro. Daniel Coleman.
Davie, No. 39, Bro. G. C. Moore.
Hiram, No. 40, Bro. D. Lindeman.
Liberty, No. 45, Bro. J. Martin.
Hall, No. 53, Bro. T. Dozier.
Plymouth, No. 59, Bro. D. L. Bateman.
Widow's Son, No. 75, Bro. T. Dozier.
Charity, No. 78, Bro. R. Cherry.
Mt. Moriah, No. 82, Bro. P. Caldwell.
Fellowship, No. 84, Bro. D. Thomson.
Western Star, No. 91, Bro. J. M'Entire.
Franklin, No. 94, Bro. Wm. Selby.
Wake Forest, No. 97, Bro. Wm. B. Dunn.
Fulton, No. 99, Bro. Daniel Coleman.
Rising Sun, No. 100, Bro. A. Burgin.

VISITORS.

Brothers T. J. Lemay, D. C. Freeman, W. H. Williams, C. Christophers and W. J. Ramsay.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

On motion, the following committees were appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, viz.

On Returns from Subordinate Lodges.—Brothers Freeman, Lindeman and Dozier.

On Charters.—Brothers Coleman, Caldwell and Selby.

On Communications from Grand Lodges.—Brothers Sherwood, M'Entire and Lehman.

On Miscellaneous Communications.—Brothers Haywood, Arrington and Moore.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts.—Brothers Lawrence, Thomson and Martin.

The resignation of Brother B. A. Barham, of the office of Grand Treasurer, was received and accepted.

A communication was received from the Master of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, praying that the Grand Lodge would direct the Grand Secretary to receive back a number of Diplomas which were sent to Perseverance Lodge through the order of Brother Francis Ward. On motion, ordered that the Grand Secretary do receive the same and cancel the charge.

On motion, ordered that the election of officers for the ensuing year take place on Tuesday evening next; and ordered further that notice of the same be given in the Constitutionalist.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

J. C. STEDMAN, G. S.

Tuesday evening, December 7th, A. L. 5831.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. R. D. SPAIGHT, G. M.
 M. W. S. F. PATTERSON, D. G. M.
 M. W. L. D. WILSON, P. G. M.
 R. W. DANIEL COLEMAN, S. G. W. P. T.
 R. HAYWOOD, J. G. W.
 A. J. LAWRENCE, G. T.
 C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.
 J. G. MARSHALL, S. G. D.
 W. J. RAMSAY, J. G. D.
 J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.
 R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

VISITORS.

Brothers J. C. Stedman, W. G. Hill, D. Lindeman, Allen Dunn, D. C. Freeman and J. R. Lloyd.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Hiram, No. 40, Brothers J. G. Marshall, C. D. Lehman.
Unanimity, No. 54, Bro. S. T. Sawyer.
Concord, No. 58, Bro. L. D. Wilson.
Greensborough, No. 76, Bro. Thomas Carbry.
Enfield, No. 88, Bro. James Yellowly.
Mt. Moriah, No. 93, Bro. James George.

The resignation of Brother J. C. Stedman of the office of Grand Secretary was received and accepted.

On motion of Brother Samuel T. Sawyer, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were duly elected, to wit:

Brother R. D. SPAIGHT, M. W. G. M.
 “ R. HAYWOOD, S. G. W.
 “ DANIEL COLEMAN, J. G. W.
 “ D. LINDEMAN, G. T.
 “ C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.

On motion, Bros. S. F. Patterson, E. B. Freeman and A. J. Lawrence were appointed a committee to wait on and request the attendance of one

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of the Past Grand Masters at the installation of the officers for the ensuing year.

Brother R. Haywood introduced the following resolution:

That whereas the Grand Lodge has been frequently incommoded by players, jugglers and others, who have rented the Theatre attached to the Grand Lodge; and whereas the safety of the Grand Lodge is endangered thereby; and whereas it is understood that said Theatre will be sold in a short time at public sale, under and by virtue of a deed in trust: be it therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to purchase said Theatre, provided it does not sell for more than ——— dollars; and that they call on the Treasurer to execute a note for the purchase money, under the corporate seal, payable the 1st day of January, 1833, with interest.

Which resolution was ordered to lie upon the table.

On motion of Brother Samuel T. Sawyer, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Hiram Lodge and Raleigh Chapter held in this place, on the subject of purchasing the basement story of the building in which the Grand Lodge holds its sessions; and that said committee inquire into the probable cost of said purchase and the terms of sale; and that they report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers L. D. Wilson, D. Sherwood and A. Burgin were appointed the committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Thursday evening, Dec. 15th, at 7 o'clock.

C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.

Thursday evening, December 15th, A. L. 5831.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

R. W. R. HAYWOOD, G. M. P. T.
 D. COLEMAN, S. G. W. P. T.
 E. B. FREEMAN, J. G. W. P. T.
 D. LINDEMAN, G. T.
 C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.
 HAYLEY, S. G. D.
 THOMAS MARSHALL, J. G. D.
 A. BURGIN, G. M.
 J. H. WHEELER, G. S. B.
 G. C. MOORE, G. P.
 J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.
 R. W. ASHTON, G. Tyler.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

American George, No. 17, Brother J. H. Wheeler.
Davie, No. 39, Bros. G. C. Moore, W. S. Mhoon.
Taylor, No. 69, Bro. Thomas Marshall.
University, No. 80, Bro. Ila Nunn.
Shewarkee, No. 90, Bro. L. D. Wilson.
Jerusalem, No. 95, Bro. G. D. Williams.
St. Johns, No. 96, Bro. W. Davenport.

The select committee to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Samuel T. Sawyer, directing them to confer with Hiram Lodge and Raleigh Chapter on the subject of purchasing the basement story of the Masonic Hall, and also the probable cost and terms of sale, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report,

That in regard to the first branch of the resolution directing them to confer with the officers of Hiram Lodge and Raleigh Chapter, held in the Grand Lodge room, in order to ascertain

whether they would co-operate with the Grand Lodge in effecting said purchase, your committee have been prevented by the inclemency of the weather and other causes from fully complying with this part of the subject; but from the indications made at the time of the introduction of the resolution, that the Chapter paid an annual rent for the use of the room, and that Hiram Lodge had neither the inclination nor the means, we have every reason to believe that no reliance or expectation can be made by the Grand Lodge for assistance in the purchase in that quarter. In regard to the expediency of the purchase and the amount and terms of sale, your committee submit the following extract of a letter received from the gentleman who has the management and control of this business: "I find that by the terms of the deed the trustee is authorised to sell at public or private sale." Upon consultation with him we have agreed that the Grand Lodge may have the basement story of the building for the amount due the Newbern Bank, which will be, on the 29th January, 1832, \$246 59. The payment can be arranged to meet the convenience of the Grand Lodge, with interest from the 29th of January, 1832. If the Grand Lodge do not accede to these terms the sale will take place at public auction in twenty days. From the foregoing letter it will be observed that the terms of sale can be made easy and accommodating to the Grand Lodge; and the only question of embarrassment to be decided is, is it expedient to make the purchase? and if so, is the amount demanded a reasonable one? All who have witnessed the inconvenience resulting to the Grand Lodge from the Theatre below, can have no hesitation in deciding this part of the question. Besides, it is now manifest that a sale must and will take place publicly or privately. Is it prudent that the Grand Lodge hazard a sale at public auction, when it is known that she is already interested and wishes to purchase the balance? May she not be compelled to give more than the property is worth, or suffer it to fall into other hands who may prove more troublesome than the Theatre has heretofore been? As to the price, your committee are not prepared to determine positively as to its reasonableness, but are inclined to the opinion it is not too much. At a former session of the Grand Lodge, perhaps winter before last, a similar committee was appointed—they ascertained the price then demanded to be 500 dollars. The sum now asked is less than one half the former charge, and we do not think it more than a fair valuation of the property, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. D. WILSON,
A. BURGIN.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to contract with the person or persons authorised to sell for the purchase of the basement story of the building in which the Grand Lodge is held, for the sum of \$246 59; and that he execute his bond to the Bank of Newbern for that sum, to be paid by instalments; and that he take a deed executed to the Grand Lodge for said purchase.

Which was ordered to lie upon the table till the next meeting.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Tuesday evening next, December 20th, 1831, at 7 o'clock.

C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.

Tuesday evening, December 20th, 1831.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. R. D. SPAIGHT, G. M.
R. W. DANIEL COLEMAN, S. G. W. P. T.
R. W. T. L. HYBERT, J. G. W. P. T.
R. W. D. LINDEMAN, G. T.
R. W. C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.
A. BURGIN, S. G. D.
P. CALDWELL, J. G. D.
J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.
R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Phoenix, No. 8, Brothers E. Arnold, T. L. Hybert.

Eagle, No. 71, Bro. William Montgomery.

A memorial was received from the officers and brethren of Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville, praying to be relieved from certain dues due the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, setting forth their inability and the causes which impelled them to make the application; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the dues from Phoenix Lodge, No 8, Fayetteville, to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, up to the present time, be remitted.

The report and resolution of the select committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Sawyer directing them to confer with Hiram Lodge and Raleigh Chapter on the expediency of purchasing the basement story of the Masonic Hall, and which was ordered to lie upon the table at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, was, on motion, taken up and adopted.

A committee, consisting of Bros. Moore, Sasser, Lehman, Coleman and Montgomery, were appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Anniversary of St. John.

The committee on Returns from Subordinate Lodges reported that returns had been received from the following Lodges, to wit:

St. John's,	No. 1, Wilmington.	Widow's Son,	75, Camden.
Royal White Heart,	2, Halifax.	Sharon,	78, Greenville.
Phoenix,	8, Fayetteville.	University,	80, Chapel Hill.
American George,	17, Murfreesboro'.	Fellowship,	84, Smithfield.
Phalanx,	31, Charlotte.	Morning Star,	85, Nashville.
Davie,	39, Bertie.	Enfield,	88, Enfield.
Hiram,	40, Raleigh.	Skewarkee,	90, Williamston.
Concord,	58, Tarborough.	Western Star,	91, Rutherfordton.
Perseverance,	59, Plymouth.	Mt. Moriah,	93, Edgecomb.
Union,	62, Waynesborough.	St. John's,	96, Kinston.
Williams,	66, Curriuck.	Wake Forrest,	97, Wake.
Taylor,	69, Beaufort.	Fulton,	99, Salisbury.
Eagle,	71, Hillsborough.	Warren,	101, Kenansville.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Saturday evening, December 31st, 1831, at 7 o'clock.

C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.

Saturday evening, December 31st, A. L. 5831.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. L. D. WILSON, Past G. M.
M. W. S. F. PATTERSON, Dep. G. M.
R. W. R. HAYWOGD, S. G. W.
DANIEL COLEMAN, J. G. W.
D. LINDEMAN, G. T.
C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.
A. J. LAWRENCE, S. G. D. P. T.
W. J. RAMSAY, J. G. D.
J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.
R. W. ASHTON, G. T.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Union, No. 62, Brother J. W. Sasser.

The account of Brother A. J. Lawrence of \$18 50, for printing the Journal, &c. of the Grand Lodge, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The committee appointed to wait on one of the Past Grand Masters and request his attendance at the installation, reported that Brother L. D. Wilson would attend and perform the duties.

On motion, the Grand officers elect for the ensuing year were duly installed, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

J. G. MARSHALL, S. G. D.
W. J. RAMSAY, J. G. D.

J. T. C. WIATT,	}	G. Stewards.
W. A. HARRISON,		
J. CALDWELL,	}	G. Chaplains.
P. W. DOWD,		
T. P. HUNT,		
J. ARMSTRONG,		
J. HORN,		
N. WAPLES,	}	G. Lecturers.
J. S. HAWKS,		
M. DICKERSON,		
D. C. FREEMAN,		
J. H. DRAKE,		
J. N. LAMB,		
S. T. SAWYER,		
J. W. SIMMONS,		
A. M'RAE,		
E. JONES,		
D. W. STONE,		
D. THOMSON,		
E. B. FREEMAN,		
E. ARNOLD,		
J. A. HILL,		
WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, G. M.		
DANIEL SHERWOOD, G. S. B.		
PINCKNEY CALDWELL, G. P.		

The committee to whom was referred the communications of Grand Lodges, reported that they attended to the duties assigned them, and that they found the communications contained nothing more than a journal of proceedings, and require no other notice than a corresponding civility on the part of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Samuel F. Patterson, a committee of four was appointed to act in conjunction with Bro. Treasurer under the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, in regard to the purchase of the basement story of the Masonic Hall; and that said committee be instructed to examine into the true situation and circumstances connected with the said basement story, as regards title, &c.; and that they be authorised, at their discretion, to make a purchase of the same, so as not to exceed the sum mentioned in the original resolution; and that they report to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Brothers R. Haywood, C. D. Lehman, A. J. Lawrence and J. T. C. Wiatt, were appointed the committee.

On motion, the committee on the Grand Treasurer's accounts were directed to settle with the late Treasurer, and to deliver over all moneys, papers and effects to the Treasurer elect.

On motion, the committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to receive in charge the jewels and other property of Johnson Caswell Lodge, and dispose of the same for the benefit of this Grand Lodge, be continued, and have permission to deliver them into the hands of the officers of said Lodge, if they wish to resume their work.

No further business coming before this Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample and solemn form until the next Annual Communication.

C. D. LEHMAN, G. S.

List of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5832.

St. John's,	No. 1,	Wilmington.	Albemarle,	77,	Hertford.
Royal White Heart,	2,	Halifax.	Sharon,	78,	Greenville.
St. John's,	3,	Newbern.	Charity,	78,	Windsor.
Phoenix,	8,	Fayetteville.	University,	80,	Chapel Hill.
Washington,	15,	Beaufort.	Zion,	81,	Trent Bridge.
American George,	17,	Murfreesboro'.	Mount Moriah,	82,	Statesville.
Phalanx,	31,	Charlotte.	Lafayette,	83,	Onslow C. H.
Stokes,	32,	Concord.	Fellowship,	84,	Smithfield.
Davie,	39,	Bertie.	Morning Star,	85,	Nashville.
Hiram,	40,	Raleigh.	Lafayette,	86,	Louisburg.
Liberty,	45,	Wilkesborough.	Line,	87,	Duplin old C. H.
Hall,	53,	Currituck.	Enfield,	88,	Enfield.
Unanimity,	54,	Edenton.	Eastern,	89,	Elizabeth City.
King Solomon,	56,	Northampton.	Skewarkee,	90,	Williamston.
Concord,	58,	Tarborough.	Western Star,	91,	Rutherfordton.
Perseverance,	59,	Plymouth.	Joseph Warren,	92,	Stautonsburg.
Union,	62,	Waynesborough.	Mount Moriah,	93,	Edgecomb.
Kilwinning,	64,	Wadesborough.	Franklin,	94,	Hyde.
Williams,	66,	Currituck.	Jerusalem,	95,	Snow Hill.
Scotland Neck,	68,	Halifax.	St. John's,	96,	Kinston.
Taylor,	69,	Beaufort.	Wake Forest,	97,	Wake.
Eagle,	71,	Hillsborough.	Hiram,	98,	Clinton.
Golden Fleece,	74,	Milton.	Fulton,	99,	Salisbury.
Widow's Son,	75,	Camden.	Rising Sun,	100,	Morganton.
Greensborough,	76,	Guilford.	Warren,	101,	Kenansville.



A form, whereby the subordinate Lodges are required to make their annual Returns to the Grand Lodge.

RETURN of the Officers and Members of _____ Lodge, No. —, held at _____ by (Charter or Dispensation, as the case may be) from the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, together with a statement of the Admissions, Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Withdrawals, Deaths, Suspensions, Expulsions and Rejections, which have taken place in said Lodge, from _____, A. L. —, to _____, A. L. —.

Members' Names.	Rank.	Officers.
		Master.
		S. Warden.
		J. Warden.
		Treasurer.
		Secretary.
		S. Deacon.
		J. Deacon.
		Steward.
		Tyler.

Admitted.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.

ATTEST.

MASTR.

SECRETARY.

